



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6828

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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:

REP. CURREY, 11th Dist.

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AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT SUSTAINABILITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That title 10 of the general statutes be amended to (1) define any
2 school district with fewer than two thousand pupils as a "small
3 district", (2) require that, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and
4 each fiscal year thereafter, a small district will experience a reduction
5 in its equalization aid grant by (A) fifty per cent for the first fiscal year
6 that it is defined as a small district, and (B) one hundred per cent for
7 each subsequent year that it is defined as a small district, except that
8 such reductions shall be discontinued if such small district
9 consolidates with another school district, (3) require that, for the fiscal
10 year ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year thereafter, a small
11 district shall be ineligible to receive a school building project grant
12 under chapter 173 of the general statutes, except that such small
13 district shall become eligible for a school building project grant if such
14 small district consolidates with another school district, and (4) require
15 the Department of Education to assist small districts in consolidating
16 with other school districts, including, within available appropriations,
17 providing grants to pay for costs associated with consolidation

18 activities, such as legal fees.

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage school district sustainability by requiring small school districts to consolidate so they can provide high-quality educational programs to their students and avoid high operational costs and state funding losses.